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A MESSAGE FROM

PRESIDENT GRANT:



My, how time flies! It seems like just yesterday I was writing the president's message for the last issue and here it is time again.

As I write this copy I find myself in a difficult position because of the CALCOIN NEWS deadline. It's two weeks prior to the 107th Convention and Coin Show in Arcadia, and I'm unable to comment on the success of the show. However, I can thank the hard working crew who did their level best to make the 107th Convention one of the best ever. Many thanks to: General Chairman & GSCS Treasurer, Kay Lenker; Bourse Coordinator, Gary Beedon; Exhibits, Don and Terri Foster; Advertising, Freddie and Bill Grant; Publicity, Tom Fitzgerald; Security, G Lee Kuntz; Banquet & Hospitality, Joyce Kuntz; and Property, Phil Iversen. These individuals volunteered many hours to make our semi-annual gathering a successful event. When you see them, give a word of thanks! They truly deserve it!

And before you know it, it will be Fresno in February. General Chairman Bill Febuary and his committees are also working very hard, putting the 108th Convention and Show together. And of course we will have lots of information in the next issue of CALCOIN NEWS!

The 50 State Quarter program is well underway, as of this writing nine states have been so honored. I can only find one thing wrong with the program, and that is that it is very difficult to find one of those quarters in circulation. Everybody must be saving them! Dealers have them in single or roll form, but finding them in circulation is almost impossible. I can understand this problem for the Philadelphia issue, but not for Denver. I hope you are doing better than I. O-well, I'll keep checking my change and hopefully I'll be surprised every now and then.

Now for a more serious subject. One of the biggest problems that CSNA faces is the lack of Junior members. Our juniors have eroded away to a very few. The problem is that there are so many other interesting things a

Young person can do these days that appeals to them, where coin collecting does not seem to have the interest nor eye appeal.

SO WHAT CAN WE DO TO GET THE YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN NUMISMATICS? I know that that is not a new question and I don't pretend to know the answers. However, as parents (grandparents) and leaders it Seems to me that it is our responsibility to bring the joy of collecting coins to them. We must get our children or grandchildren involved somehow. HOW DO WE DO THIS, YOU SAY? For starters, we take them to coin shows and introduce them to the hobby, We give the numismatic presents and we reward them for outstanding work with numismatic awards. We take them to monthly coin club meetings. As adults we must take a stand and get the idea out of the minds of young people that coin collecting is not interesting and boring. We must make the hobby interesting and appealing to the young!

I think it is safe to say children don't like school for the most part, but they go anyway. They become professional people, Doctors, Lawyers etc., so why can't we apply the same ideas that collecting is educational!

I have the same dilemma with my grandchild, who will be thirteen in September. He is very interested in playing baseball and computer games. He has much homework, not to mention his daily chores at home. That leaves very little time for coin collecting. But I'm working on him all the time, and one of these days I know he will find the joy of numismatics.

I recently appointed Michael 'Stan' Turrini as the Young Numismatist Coordinator for CSNA. In the near future he will be coming up with programs that will be of interest to the young numismatist. But before Stan implements a successful program, he will need to hear your ideas etc. Your comments will provide knowledge and guidance for Stan and prove both gratifying and rewarding for the young collector. Write Stan at P O Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590-0410 and pass along some ideas. I know he will appreciate it!

Till next time.....Bill

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THOUGHT FOR THIS ISSUE:

Some people grumble because God places thorns among the roses.

Why not thank God that he placed roses among the thorns!

ANOTHER QUARTER IS COMING!!

Virginia (1788) will celebrate 400 Years in 2007 as America's first settlement, at Jamestown. That settlement will be represented on the 10th statehood quarter to be issued and the 5th for the year 2000.



The selected design for the Virginia Quarter features three 17th century Sailing ships and the inscription "Jamestown 1607-2007 Quadricentennial"

Among the rejected Virginia designs was the one showing the Colonial Capitol at Williamsburg and another depicted the state capitol designed by Thomas Jefferson. A third rejected design showed a view of George Washington's Mount Vernon.

All of the quarter dollars (1999 through 2008) will be struck for circulation and for inclusion in special collector sets. During 1999, the mint struck 750 million or more pieces for each of the five state designs. The Philadelphia and Denver mints are striking coins for circulation as well as uncirculated sets. The San Francisco Mint is striking collector versions of the coins.



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THROUGH THE NUMISMATIC GLASS:

A VISIT TO TURKEY

By Dr THOMAS F FITZGERALD



The history of modern turkey dates from the end of the First World War which terminated the Ottoman Empire. However, the history of this part of the world played a major role in the story of Western Civilization.

We begin with the decision of the Roman Emperor, Constantine I. He invaded Italy in 312 AD and seized power, it is said, with a vision of a cross in the sky and the Latin legend: "In hoc signo vinces" (by this sign thou shall conquer). Later, the emperor declared the Christian Religion the official religion of the Roman Empire. Determined to move his capital away from the troubles of Rome, Constantine spent four years building a new capital on the site of Byzantium. On May 11, 330AD, he dedicated Constantinople as his new capital.

Gradually breaking away from the western part of the old Roman Empire, the eastern section, known as the Byzantine Empire, developed its own culture, government and an eastern branch of Christianity. With the destruction of the old Roman Empire and later invasions of the crusaders, little remained of the Byzantine Empire. In 1261, Constantinople was recaptured by the Greeks who established the relatively brief Empire of the Palaeologi.

THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

The Ottoman Empire was named after a Turkish dynasty founded around 1300 AD by Othman (Osman I). His descendants called Sultans ruled this Empire.

From February to May 1543, a small army of some 10,000 men attempted to defend the depopulated city of Constantinople. The walls were breached and Ottoman forces under Mohammed II, the conqueror, seized it. Although most of the institutions were fundamentally Turkish, much was borrowed from the Greeks. With the demise of the Ottoman Empire following their losses during World War I, came the birth of modern Turkey.

KUSADASI, TURKEY

Our first stop on our journey to Turkey was the port of Kusadasi. Built on the shores of a twinkling turquoise bay around a tiny islet covered with flowers, Kusadasi is one of the vacation paradises in this part of the world. Although the port is actually built on a peninsula, the name "Kusadasi" means "Bird Island".

Seen above the small Aegean town are the white minarets of the Turkish mosques along with many shady terraces. Legend says that Kusadasi was the site of ancient Neapolis, but no proof exists.

Byzantine ruins dating back to the 13th century, believed to have been built over the ancient city of Pygela, have been found. These include the ruins of Ephesus, once inhabited by 300,000 people.

EPHESUS

With the exception of Pompeii and perhaps some Roman sites in Libya, Ephesus is the largest and best preserved ancient city around the Mediterranean. Visitors may walk the streets once strolled by many famous Romans. These avenues are bordered on both sides by shops, temples, the library of Celsus, a brothel, public bath and a great theatre with a seating capacity of 5,000 people. It was here that St John came (with the Virgin Mary?) to establish the new Christian Church. It was here in the Church of the Virgin Mary that a great Ecumenical Council of the Roman Church was held in 431 AD. St Paul came by boat to Ephesus from his stay in Corinth and returned a second time by land from Central Anatolia. He taught in synagogues. Yet the cult of Artemis was very strong in the city and, after preaching in the great theatre, St Paul was attacked and left the city. Nearby is the church of the apostle, St John, and his much venerated tomb. Nearby also, is what many believe to be the house of the Virgin Mary where she lived the remainder of her life.

There are many shops outside the ruin of Ephesus selling the usual items of interest to tourists. Some shops held containers of replicas of coins since there is a strict Turkish law forbidding the export of the authentic coins. This writer asked several shop owners about these coins and was quickly told that they were "copies". However, on two occasions, the salesman took me back behind the doors and brought out small boxes of coins with the assurance that these were the "real coins" of Ephesus and ancient Greece and Rome. When challenged about the law forbidding export, the salesmen said no one would know and "we can't get any money from the museums so we choose to sell them to you who will appreciate them". Since

This writer knew very little about the authenticity and value of these pieces and did not want to violate the law, these offers were carefully refused.

Ephesus was one of the highlights of the tour and is a “must” for anyone going to this part of the world. We were now on our way to Istanbul.

ISTANBUL

The City of Istanbul is the site of three Imperial Capitals of three of the great empires of the western world: Byzantine, Greek and the Ottoman. It is the only city to be the capital of consecutive Christian and Islamic Empires. The majestic city is strategically located on the shores of the Bosphorus Straits, which divides the continents of Europe and Asia. Found here is the natural harbor called the “Golden Horn” which serves the city so well.

For a thousand years Byzantium was a most important center of trade and commerce while a part of the Roman province of Asia. When the Roman Emperor, Constantine the Great moved the capital of his empire from Rome to the new city in the 4th Century AD, he renamed the city after himself, “Constantinople”. This eastern empire lasted another thousand years until the Ottoman Turks breached its walls in 1453. The Imperial control of the Ottomans lasted until 1923 when, as a result of defeats during the First World War, Turkey was declared a Republic. Istanbul is truly an interweaving of Greek, Byzantine, Ottoman and modern Turkish cultures.

Although recent earthquakes near the city has caused extensive damage and many deaths, we saw little evidence of this in Istanbul. We were told stories by those who were awakened by the sudden jolt but this is a country of constant quakes and the older buildings were constructed to withstand the trembling.

The city is filled with history and historical sites. The Hagia Sophia, once Christendom’s most important Church called St Sophia, boasted the world’s largest dome until the construction of St Peter’s Basilica in Rome. Mehmet the Conqueror in 1453 converted it to a mosque and added four corner minarets, a mihrab, a mimbar and a number of Turkish tombs. Now a museum, the building dominates the skyline of the Old City. The Ottoman Turks covered the beautiful mosaics with white paint but restorations are now underway to recover them.

The Topkapi Palace was both the symbolic and virtual center of the Ottoman Empire for four centuries. Its endless array of interconnecting apartments, halls, gardens and courtyards contain many interesting historical rooms

including the harem. Here the Royal Treasury, found in four rooms, contain the jewels including eight-pound emeralds and the 84 carat Spoonmaker diamond. Perhaps the most popular and famous item is the Topkapi (golden) dagger, which was made even more famous by Peter Ustinov in the movie classic: "topkapi". Of particular interest to numismatists are the many cases containing the various orders and decorations of the Ottomon Empire.

Istanbul, the most popular tourist attraction in this part of the world, offers all of the delicacies of this culture. As one may imagine, Lamb is often served. Seen here too, are the mystique Whirling Dervishes, the great underground cistern, the spice market and much more. We sat on the porch of our hotel located in Europe and looked across the Bosphorus to Asia, which is connected by one of the world's longest suspension bridges.

The oval Hippodrome marks the site where the Byzantines would gather to watch the chariot races and the circus games. Literally thousands of minarets tower above the city marking the sites of various mosques.

The "Blue Mosque" is the city's most famous landmark. The huge building was begun in 1609 and has six minarets. Built on the top of a hill, it is visible for miles around. The name of the "Blue Mosque" is derived from the predominately blue color of the tiles decorating the inside of the building. Because of the theft of the beautiful carpets, the floor covering is now plain and of no value. Just as popular with visitors is the "Grand Bazaar", said to be the largest covered bazaar in the world.

TURKEY'S NEIGHBORS

The presence of the military is soon apparent to the visitor. Our guides reminded us of the government's need to be prepared. "Just imagine our neighbors on our borders", we were told, "which are: Syria, Iraq, the Moslem states of Russia where much fighting is taking place, Greece and in the south-east part of Turkey, the rebellion of the Kurds". We were reminded that Turkey has always supported the democracies of Western Europe, Great Britain and the United States. During the recent "Desert Storm" the United States made great use of Turkish bases.

The Republic of Turkey wants to be admitted to the new European Union, but this request has been opposed by Greece.

TURKISH COINAGE

The Ottomon Empire was frequently bankrupt and often was forced to borrow money from other countries. The empire issued paper money for the first time in 1839 during the reign of Abdul Mejid and it remained in circulation until 1862. A very brief issue of new currency of a little over two years took place beginning in 1876. Following their defeat by Russia in 1878, the empire was required to pay heavy war indemnities resulting in further financial woes. In 1914, as the Ottomans joined on the side of Germany in the First World War, paper money, backed by a loan from Germany, was issued for the third time. By 1918, the Turkish lira (gold pound) was divided into 100 kurush or piastres.

THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

Following the defeat of the Empire in World War I, modern Turkey became a Republic with the capital located in Ankara. The new coinage system is based upon the Turkish Lire (TL) and inflation has been rampant. In October, 1999, the exchange rate was about 475,000 lire to a dollar. Coins run from 1 lira coins through 5,000 lire pieces with the smaller denominations having strictly nuisance values, except for paying at the public toilets.

The currency notes of the Republic of Turkey all bear the portraits of the reigning rulers. The denominations are: 5,000, 10,000, 20,000, 50,000, 100,000, 250,000 and 5,000,000 lire.

Although there were numerous opportunities to buy souvenir sets of modern coins, there were no offerings of the Ottoman coins; even in the Bazaar. Many counterfeits have been reported but the exportation of ancient coins is forbidden.

HE SLEPT BENEATH THE MOON, HE BASKED BENEATH THE SUN,

HE LIVED A LIFE OF GOING-TO-DO, AND DIED WITH NOTHING DONE!

LIFE IS LIKE A GAME OF CARDS,

WE CAN'T HELP THE HAND THAT IS DEALT US,

BUT WE CAN HELP THE WAY WE PLAY IT!

HISTORIC TRADE COINS

BY STEPHEN M HUSTON

The following begins a series of informative overviews of eight major coin types which served as "international" trade coins over a period of 2500 years. Most of these coins were not intended to be used internationally, but their popularity and widespread acceptance was such that they were copied--sometimes officially, but usually unofficially---at places other than the original mint cities, and they were circulated well beyond the areas for which they were originally intended. This information was originally presented in a program for The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society on February 23, 2000. The information is printed in CALCOIN NEWS with the permission of the author.

THE TETRADRACHM OF ATHENS:

Athens was the cultural and political center of the Greek world in the 5th Century BC, controlling the Aegean Sea and influencing trade in the region. Her coinage of silver tetradrachms carried a head of Athena with an incuse square reverse field showing an Owl. The type remained unchanged except for stylistic adjustments until about 413, when the Peloponnesian War exhausted her treasury. Her financial influence returned with her wealth in the early 3rd Century but never regained the level of influence of her early coinage in the previous century.



Coinage of Athens has been found in huge quantity throughout the Mediterranean region, with hoards of early coinage found in modern turkey.

While no other mint adopted the designs of Athens as its own, high quality imitations of the Athenian tetradrachm have been found from Baktria (India) and from pre-Hellenic Egypt. It is obvious that the Athenian tetradrachm circulated to those areas in international trade and were of such importance and sufficiently recognized as a major type that it was worthwhile for unofficial mints in India and Egypt to produce their own copies of the coinage for circulation.

REPORT:

107th CSNA CONVENTION & GOLDEN STATE COIN SHOW

The bourse room is closed, the meetings have been concluded and all the fun and excitement have become memories! General Chairman, Kay Lenker and her committee did an outstanding job!

The Friday evening dealer supper was a huge success. Thanks to Joyce Kuntz, who was in charge of the hospitality event.

Some thirty-five dealers were set up to meet the needs and desires of the attending collectors. There were programs for young and old alike and visitors could learn about CSNA and NASC after registering. There was also a youth table which attracted young Numismatists and their parents.

Jeff Oxman was the speaker at the Educational Forum. His talk was "Collecting and investing in Morgan Dollars." The program took place on Saturday at 1 PM and was enjoyed by a large audience.

Mr Oxman reviewed the major changes that took place in the 19th and 20th centuries by collectors on United States coins. In the 19th century, collectors were adding one coin for each date or variety to their collections. While wanting the best possible example they could obtain for their collections, these frequently could be obtained directly from the mint. During the 20th century, numismatists became interested in mintmarks and wanted one example from each mint that was struck for a particular denomination. Since the 1960's, collectors have switched to varieties of coins, many of which went unnoticed for decades. All 20th century U S coins have numerous varieties such as doubling, etc.



Oxman said that one of America's most popular coins, the Morgan silver dollars, are the backbone of today's numismatic market. Tie this fact in with the growing trend toward more and more specialized knowledge about the coins we collect (what Oxman calls the "variety revolution"), and we have good reason to look closely at the Morgan dollar series in terms of its collecting and investing potential. What are the fastest "rising stars" in the silver dollar firmament? Oxman answered this by focusing on some of the key varieties—what they are and what to look for—so that anyone, armed with this knowledge, can "cherry-pick" their way to possible profits and guaranteed enjoyment.

Oxman accompanied his presentation with transparencies showing the ten most important and popular "VAM" varieties and discussed each one. One of his colleagues exhibited a number of the 1901-P Morgan dollar double-die tail feathers for all to see.

What makes this busy specialist tick? For Jeff Oxman, it's the thrill and excitement of what he calls the "variety revolution". Defined as today's new-found interest in the die varieties of every coin series, this revolutionary approach to coin collecting, Oxman believes, is one of the last true frontiers of numismatics. And now, his every effort is focused on keeping U S silver dollars at the forefront of that revolution!

The California Exonumist Society hosted speaker Harold Katzman, President of the Numismatic Association of Southern California. Harold spoke about the cruise that he took last August on the Black Sea to witness "The Last Solar Eclipse of the Last Millennium". Unfortunately, he could not use his slides and videos for the presentation and had to "wing" the presentation. Nevertheless, this talk was a most interesting one and the various items that were passed around provided the audience with a first hand "look" at the event.



Both CSNA and CES held business meetings and the exhibit room saw a steady trek of people viewing displays, soaking up information and voting for 'The Peoples Choice'.

A traveling exhibition "A LIFE IN THE ARTS: MEDALLIC WORKS OF GILROY ROBERTS" prepared by the Museum of the American Numismatic Association and made possible through the support provided by the Gilroy and Lillian P Roberts Foundation, was on display throughout the weekend.

Gilroy Roberts (1905-1992) was considered America's foremost portrait medalist. His long career as an artist, beginning with small wood carvings, earned him recognition as an outstanding talent in a variety of fields. He was the only artist to have worked both as an engraver with the United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing and as a sculptor for the United States Mint.

The exhibit explored part of the range of Robert's creativity and accomplishments. It included pieces representative of what were clearly some of his favorite and most acclaimed projects. It featured sketches and finished drawings preparatory to the bas-reliefs. Also in the display were Gilroy's personal sculpting tools, both positive and negative plaster models, bronze galvanoes and finished examples of his work.

As Chief Engraver, Gilroy designed coins for half a dozen nations, sculpted inaugural medals for Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson and produced Congressional Medals honoring Irving Berlin, Dr Jonas Salk and Prime Minister Winston Churchill. However, it is for his portrait of President John F Kennedy, which graces the U S 50 Cent Piece, that Gilroy is best known. He resigned his position as the Chief Engraver-US Mint in 1964.

A "Fiesta" and awards banquet was held Saturday evening at Cocos Restaurant in Arcadia. Guests were greeted by Pinantas, bright colored paper flowers (in the colors of Mexico) and an assortment of mexican figures. All of these decorations were given away as door prizes at the evenings end.

Kay Lenker welcomed the attendees and introduced Ruthann Bretell, of the ANA, as Mistress of Ceremonies. Nona Moore gave the Invocation.

PHIL IVERSEN was made a NUMISMATIC AMBASSADOR at a special presentation during the evening. Presenting the award Were Dorothy Baber & Kay Lenker.





Bill Grant and Kay Lenker



Don Foster & Dennis Halladay



Ginny Bourke & Phil Iversen



Don Foster & Roy Iwata



Numismatic Ambassadors surround the
Newest appontee-Phil Iversen



Ruthann Bretell & Joyce Kuntz
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EXHIBIT WINNERS :

Fifteen competitive exhibits, twenty-seven cases in eight categories were entered.

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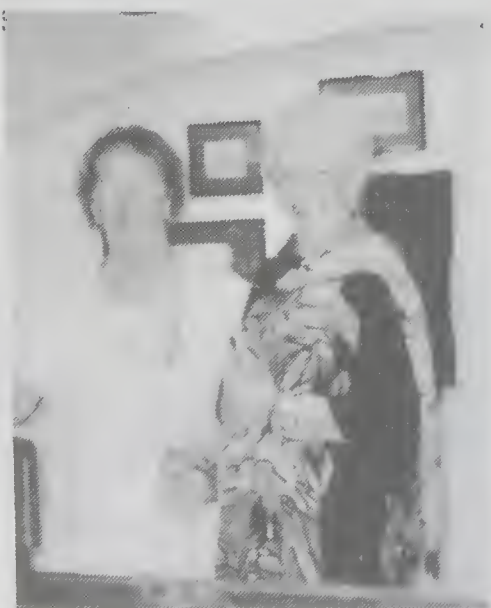
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OF SHERLOCK HOLMES " EXHIBITOR: MO FITZGERALD

SECOND PLACE "THE WILDMAN ON COINS"

EXHIBITOR: KAY EDGERTON LENKER

THIRD PLACE "SOME WORLD SOCCER COINS"

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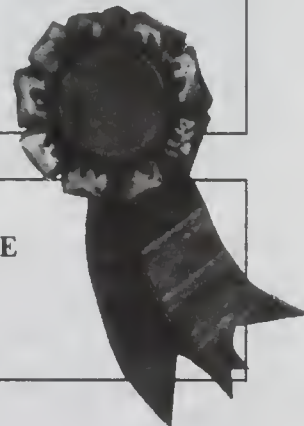
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EXHIBITOR: ROY IWATA

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"GOLD LIRA COMMEMORATIVES OF ISRAEL"

EXHIBITOR: LARRY TAPPER

The evening ended with Bill Febuary giving information and extending an invitation to come to Fresno in February, 2001.

HEPPNER SHEEPSKIN SCRIP

By Tim Todd

About a year ago I came across some interesting items at a local trade show. Unfortunately the seller did not have any information about them, but we managed to agree on a price and they joined my collection. I obtained five pieces, 5 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents and 1 dollar as well as a 25 cents printed on a leather substance that I assume is actual sheepskin.

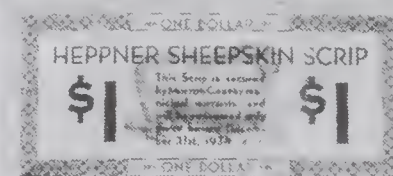
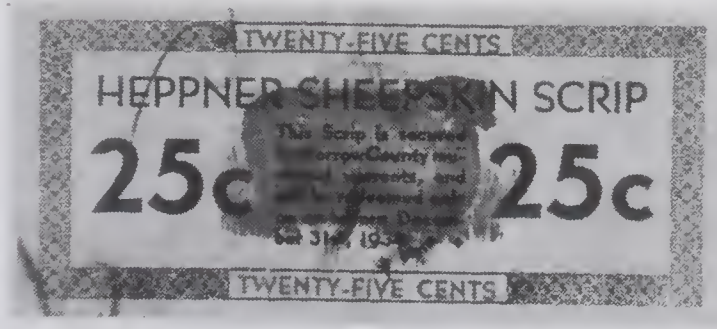
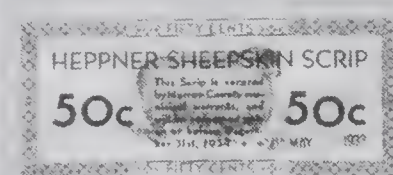
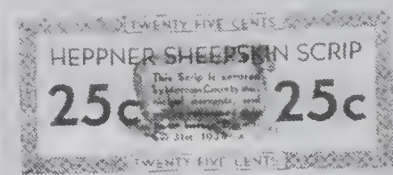
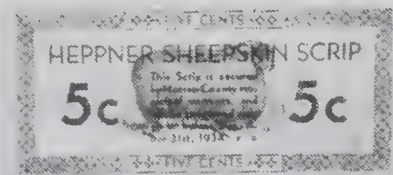
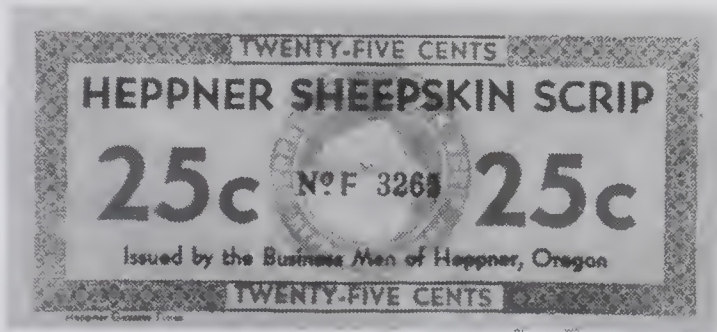
The notes have the words 'Heppner Sheepskin Scrip' in large print across the top with a value in red figures at either side and written in red at top and bottom. A serial number is printed in the middle across an embossed seal and along the bottom is the phrase "Issued by the Business Men of Heppner, Oregon". The reverse of the notes has the value repeated, this time in black and the wording "This scrip is secured by Morrow County municipal warrants, and will be redeemed only on or before December 31st, 1934" printed over an image of a red sheep.

By good fortune the envelope containing these items also had a small faded promotional leaflet with more details about the issue. Apparently these "depression scrip" were issued as a way to make liquid municipal warrants that holders could not dispose of for cash due to lack of tax income from local sheep and wheat farming. First in line for consideration were school teachers and other city employees who would otherwise be hard pressed to raise money for their necessary living expenses. The public spirited local business men endorsed the scrip and accepted it at full face value for goods and services. The first issue appeared on March 1, 1933 with a total issue of \$5000 planned at a rate of \$1000 per month. All scrip was to be redeemed by December 31, 1934. A trusteeship formed of local dignitaries oversaw production, distribution and redemption of the scrip. The leaflet adds a final comment that a secondary benefit of the scrip would hopefully be in promoting the value of woolen items and of lamb in the diet, which, if successful, would add to the prosperity of Heppner in the future. The notes were printed by the Heppner Gazette Times newspaper office.

According to the Standard Catalog of Depression Scrip redemption was actually called for on the 15th of February, 1934, having achieved it's objective of enabling school teachers and others to use the value of their warrants well ahead of December 31, 1934, the date originally planned. The catalog lists a total amount printed as \$5,670.55 with an amount of \$4,988.05 actually going into circulation. The amount redeemed is listed as \$3341.15 leaving an amount outstanding of \$1,646.90

Three of the copies I have (5c, 25c and \$1) are very well circulated, presumably indicating that this scrip was well accepted and did indeed serve a valuable purpose. I would assume from this that it was accepted at full par value as intended, though I could find no record of this. My 50c note is close to XF condition. The 25c on sheepskin is in AU condition though the back has some black marks on it. All except the 25c on sheepskin have been canceled either by two circular punch holes or by a "canc. May 3, 1933" single line stamp in purple ink. The catalog prices for the paper issues are reasonably affordable, being in the \$8 to \$13 range for VF to XF. The 25c on sheepskin however is listed at \$50 in XF, though the one I have differs slightly from the listed varieties.

Heppner is located in eastern Oregon and in 1930 the census population was 1,188.



THE MINT OF THE FRAGRANT HARBOUR

L.V. REPPETEAU

This article was first published, July, 1995, in the JOURNAL for the members of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, Larry V Reppeteau was awarded First Prize in the annual writing competition for PCNS members.

As the result of a little-remembered Chinese-British conflict called the *Opium War* (1840-42), a sparsely inhabited, twenty-nine square mile island on the south coast of China became part of the British Empire. The island, Hong Kong (which means *Fragrant Harbour* in Cantonese), was destined to be the site of an almost forgotten colonial mint from 1866 to 1868.

During their first twenty years Hong Kong's business community and government were forced to live with a dual monetary system. The island's official policy, as decreed by an imperial government in far off London, required use of the British gold sovereign and its subsidiary silver denominations of pounds and shillings. The unofficial local standard, dictated by the island's lifeblood trade with China, was the Spanish silver eight reales coin, or Mexican dollar, as it was commonly called in the Orient.

Spanish merchants had built an extensive trade between the Philippines and the four Chinese ports of Amoy, Canton, Nanpo and Shanghai, beginning in 1571.

In China foreign silver coins were not valued by count, but by weight, with the standard measure being the tael (approximately 580 grains or 37.58 grams). The tael was further subdivided into 10 mace and 100 candareens. To the Chinese, the British concept of silver coins representing fractions of a gold sovereign was incomprehensible. They preferred to place their trust in the familiar Mexican dollars.

This oriental preference for dollars gave Hong Kong's European traders and bankers one gigantic headache. Having few European-manufactured goods with which to trade for Chinese commodities, they were forced to seek and purchase needed dollars wherever they could be found. This problem became further compounded once silver coins reached Chinese shores. Few ever returned to western markets.

On March 9, 1861, Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor of Hong Kong,

petitioned London to reform the currency laws. He requested that the Colony be divorced from the pound sterling system and allowed to adopt the dollar as its basic currency unit. On January 9, 1863, London acknowledged that the British monetary system was not in the best interest of the Colony, and authorization was granted for the Mexican dollar and its subsidiary decimal coinage to be Hong Kong's legal tender.

Flushed with success at his first efforts to reform the coinage, Sir Robinson proposed in 1864 that a mint be established at the Colony. The purpose of such a mint was to provide a "Hong Kong Dollar" of the same weight and fineness as the Mexican dollar. However, before the project could be realized, Robinson left Hong Kong to assume the post of Governor of Ceylon in March of 1865.

When the new governor, Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell, arrived in March 1866, he found the island in the grip of an economic recession. In fact, many banks were closing their doors. Of the Colony's original eleven banks, only four remained open in February 1867.

Much to Sir MacDonnell's dismay, the interim colonial government had forged ahead with the establishment of the mint in spite of falling revenues, to the tune of:

- \$238,500 for the reclamation of land and erection of an iron and brick building on Causeway Bay;
- \$71,055 to purchase and ship coining machinery from London; and
- \$20,000 to provide barracks for British soldiers who would guard the mint.

Assisted by the Royal Mint, a professional coining staff was recruited. One of the perks offered to lure these men halfway around the world was the promise of free living quarters. The 1867 HONG KONG GOVERNMENTAL CIVIL LIST details the staff of the new mint as:

Mint Master	Captain T.W. Kinder	£1,400 per year
Assayer	Charles Pooky	800 " "
Supt. of Melting		800 " "
Supt. of Bullion		800 " "
Supt. of Coining	P.N. Allen	800 " "

It is interesting that the professional staff were paid in British pounds, not the new Hong Kong dollars.

The balance of the work force consisted of five foremen, one blacksmith, one filler, one assistant filler, one storekeeper and five clerks. After a delay in the arrival of coin dies from London, the mint was officially opened by Sir

MacDonnell on May 7, 1866. The honor of striking the first regal Hong Kong dollar went to Lady MacDonnell.

The function of the new mint was to convert silver bullion and foreign coins, deposited by local merchants and bankers, into Hong Kong coins. New denominations of five, ten and twenty cents, half dollars and dollars would be provided to the depositor at a coinage fee of two percent. The cost of delivering silver to the mint and of collecting the new coins was paid by the depositor.

To provide security for the stored silver (\$2,000,000 by May 10, 1866), British troops were quartered in the mint building. In addition, a gunboat was moored at its side facing the harbor. Expenses for the security force were borne by the colonial administration.

Less than eight months after the opening ceremonies, bells of doom began to toll. It had been estimated that the mint's annual operating expense would be \$60,000. Therefore, to be self-supporting required coin production levels of \$57,000 a day. However, plagued with management and machinery problems, daily output never exceeded \$15,000 and was usually much less.

To rub salt further into raw wounds, mainland Chinese insisted on discounting the new dollars at the rate of one percent and up to thirty-eight percent for minor denominations. For merchants this translated into an immediate loss of three percent on each dollar, and as much as forty percent on minor coins.

On December 13, 1866, Sir MacDonnell dispatched a report to London in which he recapitulated the management and equipment problems:

Mr. Kinder [Mint Master] reports the average working power of the Mint to be 50,000 dollars daily, as he has been enabled during his long season of repose, to test the English presses more thoroughly and to put them together more perfectly, and has discovered that they can turn out as many though not as well finished dollars in the day as the French press or an average of 15,000 dollars each. That discovery ought to have been sooner made, and its accuracy is not so reliable as might be wished because Mr. Kinder's sanguine temperament has already led him more than once to anticipate and promise too much.

This explanation of the impaired working powers of the English presses, which apparently amounts to no more than the bearings of the machinery [which] were originally roughly finished and subject

to heating, a defect cured by use, a result which I should have supposed ought to have been foreseen and its cause understood earlier.

The Governor went on to advise that continuance of mint operations would be feasible only with subsidies from Britain.

In April of 1868, with the blessings of London, the mint closed. Its machinery was dismantled and sold to Japan for \$60,000, where it was reinstalled at the Osaka mint. The building was purchased by Jarding, Matheson & Co. of Hong Kong for \$65,000 and converted into a sugar refinery.

Interestingly, within three years of the mint's closing, Hong Kong dollars were accepted by mainland Chinese on a par with Mexican dollars. Subsidiary coins, which were at first accepted only at a high discount, reached par and soon were eagerly accepted at substantial premiums by virtue of their convenience.

Many numismatic writers and "knowledgeable" dealers will state that the Hong Kong Mint was a branch of the Royal Mint. This is incorrect. It was independent as:

- 1. the Hong Kong Mint was authorized by London as a "free mint" and was established at the Colony's expense;
- 2. silver for coinage was purchased by merchants and banks, who deposited it at the mint at their own expense;
- 3. parties depositing silver paid a two percent charge for having it coined; and
- 4. there is nothing in the correspondence between Hong Kong and London in which the term "branch mint" was used or implied.

Combined mintage for the three years of operation were:

Dollars.....	2,108,054
Half Dollars.....	58,587
20 Cent pieces.....	445,429
10 Cent pieces.....	2,479,216
5 Cent pieces	1,313,303

Total seigniorage earned by the mint during its time of operation was approximately \$20,000. When the books were closed and final costs tabulated, this adventure in coining cost the colonial government of Hong Kong a loss of \$440,000.

And, to think that my grandfather always told me, "if you want to make money, own a mint."

COINS STRUCK BY THE HONG KONG MINT

DOLLAR

Obverse: Diademed head of Queen Victoria facing left. A Chinese scroll pattern separates the legend VICTORIA QUEEN

Reverse: In the center the Chinese character "Shou" (Long Life) is surrounded by four compartments, each containing a Chinese character: HEUNG KONG YAT YUEN (Hong Kong One Dollar). Between the compartments and outer scroll of the border is ONE DOLLAR HONG KONG (date)



The obverse design is from a bust by sculptor William Tread, the reverse by Owen Jones. Dies were sunk by Leonard C. Wyon of the Royal Mint in London.

Edge: Reeded **Diameter:** 39mm
Weight: First Issue: 27.25 grams, or 419.05 grains.
Second Issue: 26.96 grams, or 416.00 grains.

(Original weight of the dollar was 419.052 troy grains. Treasury regulations of October 20, 1866 [published in Hong Kong January 12, 1867], reduced the dollar's weight to 416 grains. However, actual weight of the dollars struck at Hong Kong varies from below 416 grains to in excess of 420 grains, so caution must be exercised when weight is used in the detection of counterfeits.)

Fineness: .900 fine
Mintage: 2,108,504 (only total figures for 1866-68 are available)
Proofs: Known for 1866, 1867 and 1868.

HALF DOLLAR

Obverse: Same as the dollar.

Reverse: Similar to the dollar except for the Chinese characters: HEUNG KONG PAN YUEN (Hong Kong Half Dollar). Between the compartments and outer scroll of the border is: HALF DOLLAR HONG KONG (date).

Edge: Reeded.
Diameter: 32mm
Weight: First Issue, 13.58 grams, or 209.50 grains.
Second Issue, 13.48 grams, or 208.00 grains. (See dollar)

Fineness: .900 fine.
Mintage: 58,587 (for 1866 and 1867 only)
Proofs: 1866, 1867 and 1868



TWENTY CENTS

Obverse: Same as the dollar.

Reverse: Encircling a center dot are four Chinese characters: HEUNG KONG I HO (Hong Kong Two-Tenths)

Edge:	Reeded.	Diameter: 23.4mm
Weight:	5.43 grams, or 83.81 grains	Fineness: .800 fine
Mintage:	445,429 (1866 through 1868)	
Proofs:	1866, 1867 and 1868	

TEN CENTS

Obverse: Bust facing left, wearing an open arched crown and ornamental bodice, all encircled by the legend: VICTORIA QUEEN.

Note: Bust is similar to that used on the British florin designed by W. Wyon.

In 1866 approximately 300,000 Hong Kong ten cent pieces were also minted at the Royal Mint. These differ from the Hong Kong-struck pieces by the number of pearls on the right arch of the crown.

Royal Mint	10 pearls on the crown
Hong Kong Mint	11 pearls on the crown

Reverse: Same as the twenty cents except that the Chinese characters read: HEUNG KONG YAT HO. Around the outer rim is TEN CENTS (date) HONG KONG

Edge:Reeded.	Diameter: 18mm	
Weight:	2.72 grams, or 41.9 grains	Fineness:.800
Mintage:	2,479,216 (1866 through 1868)	
Proofs:	1866, 1867 and 1868	

FIVE CENTS

Obverse: Same as the dollar.

Reverse: Same as the twenty cents except that the Chinese characters read: HEUNG KONG NG SIN (Hong Kong Five Cents). Around the outer rim is FIVE CENTS (date) HONG KONG

Edge: Reeded.	Diameter: 15.8mm	
Weight:	1.15 grams, or 20.95 grains.	Fineness:.800
Mintage:	1,313,303 (1866 to 1868)	
Proofs:	1866 and 1867	

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NORTH OF THE TEHACHAPIS

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Hello! Greetings! This column is being prepared and submitted somewhat earlier than usual, as your Assistant Editor will be attending the American Numismatic Association (ANA) Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in mid-August. Did enjoy my visits to several local coin clubs in June, July and August and wish I could visit more coin clubs. HAVE A GREAT FALL!

Recent PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY activities have been: GENE HOY talking about "Indian Head Cents" (May 24); Annual Banquet at the KIM WAH Restaurant in Daly City, but with no bingo this year, (June 17); and SARAH NORDIN's presentation on "Prison Tokens" (July 26).

The GATEWAY COIN CLUB (of Merced County) announced that the two recipients of its 'Val Robinson Memorial College Scholarships were JOSH MORE and RENEE BUCKINGHAM. Both graduated from Merced High School in June 2000. Josh will attend California State University, Monterey Bay, with plans to study oceanography, while Renee will attend Merced College for her first step toward a medical career. The Scholarship is named after Gateway member VAL ROBINSON, who served as a librarian in the Merced City Schools for many years. This Scholarship may be granted to students who have been active in local numismatics and who are entering full-time study at a two or four -year college. It is one of the only college scholarships offered by a local coin club in the entire United States, *Congratulations to both Josh and Renee! Do the GCC Proud!*

VISALIA COIN CLUB, a new CSNA member is sending their monthly newsletter edited by RUTH PHILLIPS. She pointed out that one recent summer VCC meeting had a small attendance with half of those present driving down from Fresno. The current Vice-President is well-known and rising youth leader CAMERON KEIFER and 'rising' is quite a descriptive adjective for the very tall Cameron.

THE REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB heard the legendary 'duologue' of both 'Mikes' or 'Stans'---MIKE STANLEY and STAN TURRINI---at its July 12, Steak Night, on "How to become a Hobby Mentor". Their energetic, enthusiastic and enthralling talk excited a larger crowd of over sixty, enjoying and eating at the club's new meeting site. The duologue was the commencement address and launch ceremony for the 'Veterans Memorial Auditorium Dining Room' at 1351 Maple. Off Highway 12 in Santa Rosa. This site may be well known may be known to CSNA's as the old site of the Club's annual show. RECC will join the neighboring Vallejo Numismatic Society for their biannual special night to be held at Palby's Restaurant on September 23, 2000. H ROBERT CAMPBELL, current President of the American Numismatic Association (ANA) will be the Master of Ceremonies and both clubs have pledged \$1500.00 in the gold Drawing (raffle) prizes. Much of the success for the ever-enlarging and growing RECC activities can be credited to the 'dynamic duo' of MERLE AVILA (President) and LEE GONG (Vice-President), each a 'sparkplug' for the Club and our hobby.

THE SAN JOSE COIN CLUB heard world-famous and Lowell Thomas competitor, GARY ACQUISTAPACE speak at its June 14th meeting. Gary's talk was on his recent trip to Portugal. The first leg of the trip was a stop at the Azores, no easy feat, the islands having one small airstrip and the winds making it tough for the pilot to land the plane. Later, Gary visited Madeira and main land Portugal, namely its capital, Lisbon. Everywhere Gary went, he "searched it out and found lots of Casino Chips" to bring back as well. It is always fun to hear how the local players are surprised at anyone wanting to buy chips as souvenirs. Once his travel bags were full (of chips) and his wallet empty (of cash) it was time to come home and tell us about it.

June 11 was the date for the SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB's Annual Picnic held at Rusch Park. "The picnic was a success, the weather was beautiful, the location was great and the food was plentiful. GENE NIXON donated South Carolina state quarters to all those who attended. There were fifteen adults and five kids attending. The June 28th meeting had STEWART HUCKABY coordinating a Quiz derived from the Red Book. "After several rounds, the semifinalists were LOREN BAILEY and DAVID SHOWERS. David was the final winner. Both semifinalists were given prizes. SVCC is happy to report that its meeting site---Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Center---will remain until the end of 2000. The Club has a website, and it is 'members,aol.com/svccclub'

THE FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY was also invaded by the two 'Mikes' and 'Stans' at its July 11th meeting. Traveling on an overnight trip, STAN TURRINI and MIKE STANLEY, who were guests of RUTH PHILLIPS, excited the meeting with their "How to Become a Hobby Mentor". By the end of their preaching, the 'amens' and 'chants' were competing with the across-the-way practicing church choir! Much Emotion & Enthusiasm!!

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB members heard the two 'boys', FRANK STRAZZARINO and STAN TURRINI, talk (or gloat) about their special collections of Golden Gate International Exposition (GGIE) World's Fair. It was a talk, or a game, of 'one up on you' with each 'boy' displaying and claiming something the other did not have! Of course, through it all, the members did learn about Treasure Island, the Magic City of 1939 and 1940 and its World's Fair. The SFCC has a new mailing address: PO Box 880994, San Francisco, CA 94188-0994.

The Annual Other Hobbies Night was held June 9 by the CUPERTINO COIN CLUB. Participating were: STACEY OOMS (Model Horses); ALAN GUINN (Die Cast Metal Cars); ANDREW BOOTH (Model Rockets); ANTHONY LUIZ (Casino Memorabilia); GEORGE TYSON (Shakespeare Books); NATALIE TYSON (Smiley Face Things); ROSE TYSON (Wooden Toys From Germany); GREG TYSON (Gardening); DAN SHATTUCK (Travels with Charlie Adventures); SPENCER MORGAN (Magic); GARY ACQUISTAPACE (Insulators) and AL LO (Hawaiian Menus). KEN BARR, CCC's *Coin Press*, Editor reported in the July, 2000 issue that "The member who claimed to have invented an 'invisibility potion' did not show up to demonstrate it, or did he?!" He also ran the following "Special Note: To the doctor who displayed 'Interesting Organs Removed From Patients' at last years Other Hobbies Night, the Cupertino Health Department has asked you to stop by their office when you get the chance."

THE LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB reports that its June 20th Pot-Luck was a success and quite a turnout! In the 'Slab Toss', it was KAYE STALLARD who had the high score! There were lots of silver dollar winners in the Bingo Games with ROGER LYLES winning the blackout game. The LVCC is having a Membership Drive. "Have a friend or acquaintance interested in Coins? Get the to join our club and receive a silver half dollar!

THE SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB has updated the Club's Silver Round Roster. Copies may be requested via P O Box 4104, Vallejo, CA, 94590-0410. Secretary and Editor, JAN D HENKE, was missed recently as he and his family visited his old home state, Iowa.

The STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB, newsletter, The Gold Strike, Editor, DOUG DANIELS prints a 'Past Presidents Botes' column that is enjoyable. "All kinds of rumors are circulating. Sacagawea's son was in the news recently; his name is going to be a Trivia answer, I'll bet. If one of your friends calls you from 'Who wants to be a Millionaire?' tell him or her his name is Jean Baptiste Charbenou and he is buried in Oregon." Also reported that SCCC member "Dancing" BOB SAMUEL noticed a rip in my favorite chair at my store and reupholstered it making it my best piece of furniture. You never know what talents fellow members have".

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY has had a good line up of speakers: STAN TURRINI and MIKE STANLEY presented "How to Become a Hobby Mentor" (June); RON JOHNSON and VIC ROLLO stepped in to fill an undelivered video void and spoke on "Coinage Errors" (July); and GORDON DONNELL showed Part Two Video entitled "Whats New at the Mint?" (August). VIC ROLLO has earned the special honorary title, 'Professor Numismania'. LNS demands only the best from its members! From the August Newsletter : "Attention: To maintain the authentic flavor of the theme 'Canada' at our August 1st meeting, exhibitors are advised to present their shoe 'n tell items while speaking Canadian!"

DELTA COIN CLUB congratulates COLLEEN-ANN MALLOY, Junior Member, who had the winning design for this year's DCC medal. It was the first time in the entire medal series that a Junior Member won the annual design contest. The dual team of STAN TURRINI and MIKE STANLEY bombarded the DCC twice in recent months: May 12 at the Hot0Dog Night with the presentation "Great Wars Remembered" and on July 14 with "How to be a Hobby Mentor".

PENINSULA COIN CLUB also heard the duologue of STAN TURRINI and MIKE STANLEY on "How to be a Hobby Mentor" at its June meeting. From the PCC July Newsletter: "We applaud their efforts to promote our hobby and very much appreciate their visit from such a long distance. You (the reader) might just take a moment to reflect on how you became interested in coin collecting! In doing so, Your newsletter editor (FRED G van den HAAK) fondly remembered both his brother and longtime PCC member PETE PECAR, both now deceased. I fondly recall acquiring gold Sovereigns, Ten Gulden gold coins and similar sized gold coins for \$7.00 to \$10.00 in the early sixties on Pete's advice. Such early encouragement and help with collecting coins has left me with a lifetime of enthusiasm for numismatics and appreciation for related history and economics.

THE DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY held its Annual Other Hobbies Night April 20th. Participants were: JOHN RUSSELL (Metal Detecting); MIKE FIORE (Golden Gate Bridge—however, no paint sample was provided); GORDON DONNELL (Beer Steins, all empty); STAN TURRINI (Matchcovers); GEORGE KISER (Stamps); and TOFER PENTACOFF (License Plates and Model Rockets, no launches were attempted due to possible damage to ceiling and roof). The Annual DNS Club Picnic was held at a new site this year: the lovely restored historic home of SCOTT and RUTHANN JACKSON, well known local collectors and hot dog fanciers. Scott and Ruthann opened their designer home to DNS members and their families on Sunday, July 23. Everything was great: Food, drawing, show'n'tells and even the jokes! For their courtesy, the Jacksons were elevated into the unique numismatic fraternity named "Numismatic Coasters" at the picnic. Other "Coasters" present were JOHN RUSSELL, JAMES LAIRD, MIKE STANLEY, MIKE FIORE and STAN TURRINI.

THE FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB held its "Hot Dog Night" on July 26 with President BILL BARTZ doing the cooking. This time, it was boiled, not barbequed dogs, however. H ROBERT CAMPBELL, President of the American Numismatic Society (ANA) is expected to attend the FCC's September 24 Coin Show.

THE VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY likes to award prizes: at its July 5 Bingo Night, two rolls of 2000 dated Silver Eagles were given away; so many that everyone present received at least one! They are participating in the Sesquicentennial Night with the Redwood Empire Coin Club of Santa Rosa and will have \$1500 in gold prizes for the drawing. Later the VNS and the Fairfield Coin Club will join forces for their annual; and famous Joint Christmas Party (Saturday, December 9, 2000) at Fairfield's Anheuser-Busch Brewery and plan a \$1400 raffle drawing. And its monthly meeting drawings (raffles) are not 'too cheap either'!.

Regretfully, your Assistant Editor has overlooked the VENTURA COIN CLUB which has been periodically mailing its informative newsletters. WALT DELAU is the Club's Editor. The club meets on the Second Tuesday.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION has completed its successful Nor Cal- III Invitational Coin Show, last July! Record attendance, sold out bourse, standing room only for the seven speakers and again standing room only for the three hour Youth Auction. The highlight of the show was at the Saturday evening Dinner. BILL BRIGHT of *Numismatic News*, honored current NCNA President MIKE STANLEY by naming him as

a Krause Publications NUMISMATIC AMBASSADOR. Mike now joins a proud line of Californians who have been honored with this respected and special numismatic recognition, Present at his installation were fellow Ambassadors: JOHN O SEARS, O L WALLIS, EDGAR D FULWIDER, RUTH PHILLIPS and MICHAEL S TURRINI.

YOUTH CORNER

President BILL GRANT has recently appointed me as the Association's Young Numismatist Coordinator. Clearly, as my appointment is new and details as to my duties and demands are unknown, the initial comments and actions may be lacking; but together...and note the word chosen: 'together' ...we might achieve and accomplish something.

I have two personal mottoes to live by: first, the old Arab Proverb: *A journey of a thousand miles begins with one small step*; and second, a lesson taught by the great Eleanor Roosevelt: *It is far better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness*. So, let us begin!

First, shockingly, CSNA has only five....yes, five....Junior Members! Any ideas? Any input?

Second, 'youth numismatics' works and accomplishes the most and best at the local coin club level. Too many youngsters cannot travel to our State Conventions and would be lost in an adult event. Thus, it is the local coin clubs that need to be there for our youngsters. So to begin, please write me if you have any requests or needs and hopefully yours here will try to respond help, Freebies for the youngster is one service possible.

Hopefully, in each CALCOIN NEWS issue, at least something on 'Youth Numismatics' will be reported and shared. Of course your ideas and interest would be welcomed, Just write to me at P O Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590-0410 and Thank You.

Stan Turrini,
Young Numismatist Coordinator



CSNA ELECTION OF OFFICERS

2001-2002 TERM

The CSNA Nominating Committee , Tom Fitzgerald, Mike Stanley and Freddie Grant, presents the following carefully considered nominations.

CSNA MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE BALLOTS IN THE MAIL

PRESIDENT: RUTH PHILLIPS, FRESNO

Ruth has been serving as Vice President of CSNA for the past two years, visiting many of the Northern Coin Clubs and enjoying every minute of her Vice Presidential duties. Now she is ready to move up to the Presidency. She hopes her election will be as rewarding to CSNA as it will be to her personally.

Ruth was the first woman President of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society in San Francisco. She married then CSNA President S Everett Phillips and moved to his home city of Fresno in 1972. Theirs was a true numismatic marriage for they both had similar interests. Since his death in 1977, Ruth has been an active member of the Fresno Numismatic Society, serving as its first woman President, as well as Vice President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Coin Show Chairman.

Ruth has served on the CSNA Board, been Treasurer for 4 years and has been General Chairman of three CSNA conventions as well as serving as Exhibit Chairman for many of the Northern Shows. She is a Life Member of CSNA, a member of the ANA since 1969, on the Board of Directors of the California Exonumist Society, a member and Editor for the Visalia Coin Club, belongs to the Northern California Numismatic Association. The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society and The Elongated Collector. Ruth collects US Coins but specializes in collecting exonumia, particularly elongated and encased coins.

In 1987, Ruth was voted a Numismatic Ambassador by NUMISMATIC NEWS. For the past two years, she has undertaken the job of publishing the CSNA COMMUNIQUE which is sent to Coin Clubs in the state to keep them informed of CSNA activities and to encourage their members to join our state numismatic association. She is currently handling publicity and promotional activities for the association and up-dating our CSNA Convention Guidelines.

Ruth has led the fight to have our CSNA conventions moved around the state to expose the many state coin collectors to the benefits of our association and has encouraged the development of a Numismatic Symposium in the North with able assistance of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society.

If elected to the CSNA Presidency, Ruth looks forward to broadening our convention coverage throughout the state and initiating some innovative changes within the association. She asks for your vote!

VICE PRESIDENT: G LEE KUNTZ, CLAREMONT

Lee Kuntz has served on the CSNA Board of Directors for more than a decade and was General Chairman of CSNA's 81st Convention. He is Past President of the Los Angeles Coin Club, California Exonumist Society and NASC. He is also an active member of a number of local clubs. Lee's collecting preference is Early American Large Cents. He is the owner of Masterpiece Medallions and has produced medals for many of the west coast coin clubs. Lee is the current supplier of medallions for CSNA conventions.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: DENNIS HALLADAY, RIVERSIDE

A native southern Californian and current President of the Upland Coin Club, Dennis Halladay, 45, began collecting coins with his father in the mid-1960s. After high school, college, marriage and a child, Dennis returned to numismatics in 1995 and set a goal of building a certified set of mint state Morgan dollars (except for five dates). He currently lacks just one coin to complete his set. Dennis' other hobbies include bowling—he was a member of the Professional Bowlers Association for six years—golf and wine. Professionally, Dennis has been an editor of dairy farming magazines since graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 1977. He is currently Western Editor of *Hoard's Dairyman*, the nation's largest and oldest dairy magazine, working out of his home in Riverside. Dennis has been married for 23 years to his wife, Amy, and has one daughter, Kerry, age 14.

RECORDING SECRETARY: VIRGINIA BOURKE, CHULA VISTA

Virginia "Ginny" Bourke, incumbent, has been collecting coins since high school. She collects US Coins, proof coins, Canadian and British coins, medals and ships on coins. Ginny has been President of the San Diego Numismatic Society, the San Diego Inter-Club Numismatic Council and the California Exonumist Society. She has also served as Secretary of the Chula Vista Coin Club. She is a member of ANA, ANS, CSNA, CES and TAMS. Ginny is an active exhibitor and says that her greatest rewards in coin collecting comes from the wonderful people she has met and her friendships with them.

TREASURER: KAY LENKER, SAN DIEGO

Kay has held the office of CSNA Treasurer for several years and serves as Custodian for the Audio/Visual Program. She is an accredited Judge for the ANA. Her exhibits have been seen at state, regional and local shows. She currently serves as an ANA Governor and is a recipient of CSNA's Medal of Merit.

Her objectives as Treasurer have been to seek ways to increase the assets of the CSNA by prudent investment of monies from the Memorial Fund and the Life Membership accounts, while working to protect assets by minimizing costs and expenditures.

DIRECTORS: NORTH

(FOUR TO BE ELECTED)

LILA ANDERSON, MERCED

Lila Anderson was introduced to coin collecting after meeting her future spouse, Joel, at Santa Clara University. Over the next quarter century, numismatics has become an increasingly important aspect of her life.

She served as President of the Gateway Coin Club of Merced County for two separate two-years terms. She embarked on a membership drive during her first term that doubled membership, to over 120 members. She is a member of the Cupertino Coin Club, the San Jose Coin Club, Livermore Valley Coin Club, Delta Coin Club (Stockton) and the Stanislaus County Coin Club. As a charter member of Western Wooden Money Club, collecting woods is one of her specialties, and she also collects medals from the clubs of which she is a member. She has won several medal design contests and believes it is a special thrill to see the minted results.

Lila served as co-chair of CSNA's northern California Convention banquets for the past five years where she worked to bring an element of fun to these gatherings. She was Gateway Coin Club's representative to the Modesto Millennium Committee that sponsored the CSNA 106th Convention. In that capacity she enjoyed brainstorming and working with representatives from the Delta and Stanislaus Clubs who co-sponsored the show, which resulted in CSNA's first stand alone show in many years. Lila hopes to build on that experience to get more involved with the associations activities and increase involvement between the association and local clubs,

BILL FEBUARY, FRESNO

Bill was born in Tennessee, but was raised in Huron, South Dakota, which is a town of about 14,000 people located in the east-central part of the state.

He graduated from Huron High School in 1954 and then attended Huron College for two years, taking Pre-Engineering. He graduated from South Dakota State University with a BS Degree in 1959, majoring in Industrial Arts, with a minor Business Administration.

Bill worked for Weyerhaeuser Company in South Dakota as a Manager Trainee after graduating from college. He spent almost two and one-half years in the U S Army and was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He married his college sweetheart while in the military.

After being discharged from the army, he returned to Huron, SD, began working for the Job Service of in Huron and retired as the local office manager. He also worked for the Employment Development Department in Fresno after he and his family moved to California in 1982.

Bill and his wife, Carol, live in Clovis. They have two children and three grandchildren. Their daughter and her family live in Clovis. Their son and his family live in Visalia.

While employed in Huron, Bill became interested in coin collecting and for the past 30 years has been very active in both local and national coin and currency organizations.

Bill retired from the Fresno Private Industry Council in 1996 after completing twelve years of employment in Fresno.

Bill Febuary is now actively involved in doing coin appraisals, genealogy and serves as a board member for several community organizations in Clovis and Fresno.

DAVID C EVANS, SAN BRUNO

David Evans grew up in MARIN County, graduated from Tamalpais High School in Mill Valley, attended one year at the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO, earned a BA from U C Berkeley. David has a grown daughter living in Marin who is a restaurant manager and college student. Married to Jan who works as an on-line product manager for a patient education publishing company. David met Jan when they both worked for Kagin's Numismatics in San Francisco. For the last twelve years he has been the manager of technology for an imprintable apparel wholesale distributor with warehouses around the country. He likes 'escaping' to a movie theater, and is the proud father of eight domesticated felines . Those who know him know he won't eat anything that had a grandmother (he's a vegetarian).

David first collected Lincoln cents as a young teen. Where his parents put them no one knows! Probably the same place as his comic book collection! He started collecting again when his wife's mom let him cull Winged Liberty dimes from her husbands underground hoard. David likes to think that he is transitioning from being an accumulator to being a collector. He collects Fractional Currency, later date world and US coins, US proof and mint sets and has a keen interest in 1952 birth year examples from around the globe.

David Evans is Pesident of Liberty Numismatic Society, Treasurer of the San Francisco Coin Club, Vice President of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, Vice-President of Alameda Coin Club, Board member of the San Jose Coin Club, member of Livermore Valley Coin Club, Cupertino Coin Club, Vallejo Numismatic Society, Solano County Silver Round Club, The Elongated Coin Club, Northern California Numismatic Society and ANA District Delegate for Northern California.

MICHAEL M STANLEY, CONCORD

With over five decades of enthusiastic involvement in, for, with and to the coin hobby, both in California and also Hawaii, Mile Stanley has repeatedly provided his energy and effort to enlighten the coin hobby.

'Steamer', his old Navy nickname, has held, over these five decades, numerous positions with local coin clubs in Northern California and in Hawaii. He has been president, Secretary, Treasurer, editor, Exhibit Coordinator, Exhibit Judge, and so on and can claim to be the only individual who has served as Show Chairman for the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) and Hawaii State Numismatic Association (HSNA). Over the years 'Steamer' has been a ready program presenter, guest speaker and show exhibitor.

In recognition for his devotion to the coin hobby within Northern California, he received the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) Miller Award in 1998. He is an active American Numismatic Association (ANA) District Delegate plus a major recruiter for the ANA. For his tireless efforts and enthusiasm for the ANA, he has been honored twice—which is extremely rare—with the ANA's President's Award, in 1998 with its Glen Smedly Award and in 1999 with its second highest award, the Medal of Merit. Just recently, Mike Stanley was awarded Krause Publication's Numismatic Ambassador.

MICHAEL S 'Stan' TURRINI, VALLEJO

Among the most involved and committed coin hobbyists in Northern California, Michael S 'Stan' Turrini has compiled an impressive and exemplary record in numismatics. He is known for his tireless energy and enthusiasm for local Solano and Contra Costa County Coin Clubs, his frequent speaking before local coin clubs on a vast array of topics and his over twenty years of service to the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA). He is presently in his tenth years as NCNA Treasurer and is the Founding Editor of its NCNA HEADS AND TALES.

Stan (a nickname inherited in his junior high school days, is most famous for his legendary research into and about the 1946 Iowa Statehood Centennial Commemorative Half Dollar and has just commenced an equivalent study on the 1925 S California Statehood Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Half Dollar. Stan, a high school Industrial Education and Social Studies Instructor in Vacaville, California, has been honored with many awards and recognitions, including the Medal of Merit (1998) of the American Numismatic Association (ANA), the second-ever President's Award from the ANA, the first- ever Miller Medal (1996) of the Northern California Numismatic Association. And Krause Publication's Numismatic Ambassador (1995), He is both an ANA District Delegate, the last one serving continuously since 1968, and the Regional Coordinator for California and Hawaii. In addition, he is an CALCOIN NEWS Assistant Editor and its newly appointed Young Numismatist Coordinator.

WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR BALLOT AND VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

DIRECTORS, SOUTH OF THE TEHACHAPIS

(FOUR TO BE ELECTED)

GARY BEEDON, HUNTINGTON BEACH

Currently, I am a retired Senior Staff Engineer from Boeing (formerly Douglas Aircraft) where I worked 28 1/2 years in commercial aircraft systems and electronics. Like two prior generations of family members, I was born in California. Years ago, I received a BS degree in electronics from Long Beach State College (as it was called then) in Long Beach, California.

Pertaining to Numismatics, I am the Bourse Coordinator for the next CSNA Show in Fresno, Bourse Chairman (second year) for the Golden State Coin Show in Arcadia, Secretary of the Greater Orange County Coin Club, ANA Exhibit Judge, new ANA District Delegate for Orange County and the current editor for *The NASC Quarterly*. On the Internet, I produce and maintain several Web sites or pages, including one for numismatics (NumisCAT) and one for NASC. I am now more active as a numismatic speaker, since I am retired and have more free time to devote to important matters such as promoting numismatics, etc.

Some of the organizations I support and belong to are as follows: American Numismatic Association (Life Member), Bust Half Club, CSNA, California Exonumist Society, GOCCC, Long Beach Coin Club, NASC, Numismatic Literary Guild and the Society for United States Commemorative Coins.

I agree with the idea that we should try to do all we can reasonably do to promote the numismatic hobby, especially the organizations and the clubs. Also important is the need to increase the hobby member base. This includes reaching out to everyone from the youngest to the oldest. We need to educate, direct and bring them into this hobby called numismatics.

RANDY BRIGGS, REDLANDS

Randy Briggs is President of Fred Coops & Co, Inc, probably better known as Collector Galleries, specialists in coins, paper money, stamps and autographs. As a CSNA member, he has served on the Board of Directors, Assistant Librarian and as General Chairman of the 1976 Convention at Disneyland.

He has been the Treasurer and President of the San Bernardino County Coin Club and the American/British Numismatic Society. He has served on the Board and as Publications Director of the San Bernardino County Museum Association and as Board Member and Chairman of the Valley Preparatory School in Redlands. He was also instrumental in opening the Old Mint Museum in San Francisco several years ago.

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE FOR RETURNING YOUR BALLOT!!

DON FOSTER, ARCADIA

Don has served the Numismatic Community as a CSNA Board Member, President of the Upland Coin Club and is a member of the Covina CC and the Pomona Valley CC. He has served as Assistant Security Chairman for the Numismatic Association of Southern California for several years.

Foster was Exhibits Chairman for the ANA/CSNA convention in Anaheim in 1995 and held the same chairmanship for the Golden State Coin Show. He is recognized for his art work and signs at coin shows.

JAMES HUNT, CHULA VISTA

Jim is presently employed by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and has been in the field of Emergency Management for over 20 years. He and his wife, Ellen, are long time residents of Chula Vista. They have a son David, who is in the Air Force and is married to Maria, who Jim sees as a prospective collector.

When Jim was five years old. His mother gave him an English penny to play with and his fascination with coins has continued ever since. He collects everything, but is most interested in coins of the United States. Both Jim and Ellen enjoy exhibiting and the educational aspects of numismatics.

Jim attended his first coin show in Oakland in 1955. This was a CSNA show designated as the "Million Dollar Coin Show" and it left a lasting impression on the young collector. He is now a Life Member of CSNA, having joined in 1969. Jim's past service to CSNA includes, Board Member, Exhibit Chairman, Awards Chairman, Exhibit Judge, and Publicity Chairman for various CSNA conventions. Jim and Ellen served as Activities Co-Chairs on the CSNA committee which hosted the ANA Convention in Anaheim in 1995. Jim has also been an exhibitor at CSNA and he and Ellen are patrons for the award given to the best gold coin exhibit at the Golden State Show. Jim has been a speaker at the Golden State Show and was honored to make a presentation at CSNA's renowned Annual Educational Symposium.

As a junior, he joined the ANA in 1956 and has maintained a continuous membership ever since. Jim has been a speaker at the ANA Numismatic Theater, a finalist at the World Series of Numismatics and is a certified ANA Exhibit Judge. He has also been an ANA exhibitor and has attended the ANA Summer Conference in Colorado Springs.

Jim has been active in many other numismatic organizations, both as a member and officer. He is currently the President of the San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council and is Treasurer of the San Diego Numismatic Society (and a former President). He also holds membership in the Chula Vista Coin Club and the Society of Private and Pioneer Numismatists. Jim has been a speaker at coin clubs in San Diego and has been a General Chairman, Assistant General Chairman, Exhibit Chairman, Awards Chairman, Exhibit Judge and an exhibitor at the annual Coin-a-ramas. Jim was formerly the Recording Secretary for the East Bay Coin Club in Northern California and was President of the Solar Coin Club in San Diego.

SOUTH OF THE TEHACHAPIS

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POUNDS TO DECIMALS

MIKE EDGERTON presented the June program before the WHITTIER COIN CLUB. His topic, "Important Transitional Coinage of Great Britain". Mike spoke on the British Coinage including the change from the pound system to the decimal system. In July, JERRY KLEEB spoke about "Hungary Inflation Notes". He exhibited a large number of inflation notes as part of his program. The Club announced a new meeting time: 7:00PM (verses 7:30PM). In August the club saw the video, "The Medal Maker-Master Sculptor Laura Gardin Fraser". This video is narrated by Elizabeth Jones, former U S Chief Engraver. The Club held a 41st Anniversary Dinner Friday, September 8.

SQUARED MONEY

KEVIN AKIN talked about "Squared Coins" at the June meeting of the UPLAND COIN CLUB. He had many squared coins on display from India. The Club held "Show & Tell" in July with JACK KATZMAN (B52 Bomber and Cal Ripkin Coins); RON STONE (Proof 1936 Walker and a National Bank Note); WILFORD GAMBLE (Rare Find, either an 1885 or 6 Liberty); DENNIS HALLADAY (Selling on E-Bay); JACK REEVES (Coin Set from the 1st National Bank of Pomona); BILL GRANT (SBCCC Medals) and PATRICK SHANNON (Batemobile Coin from Wales) participating. The Club celebrated its birthday in August with a potluck dinner. Following the dinner, G LEE KUNTZ spoke on "America's Lost Treasure—The Ship of Gold".

GOLD & THEN MORE GOLD

"Ship of Gold" was the title of PHIL IVERSEN'S program before the VERDUGO HILLS COIN CLUB in June. The treasure included gold coins and ingots from the San Francisco Mint that were being shipped to the East Coast. July saw RICHARD MURACHANIAN speak on the "Carson City \$20 Gold Pieces". Did you know that many of these were hoarded and sent to Europe? In August, VINCENT VENTO spoke on the "Care and Storage of Coins". Vincent has been a dealer since 1990.

VIDEO'S GALORE

The SANTA ANA COIN CLUB's June meeting featured the ANA Numismatic Theater Video on the unique & "Great Collection of Gold Proof Coins of Ed Trumpler". In July the club saw a video from the National Gold Convention that was held in Tampa, Florida. In August, the video version of the movie, "The Granite Lady", which is the story of the San Francisco Mint, was shown.

SHE HAS NOT LOST HER MARBLES

June's meeting of the SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY was in the park, a picnic dinner followed by an informal meeting. "Other Hobbies" was the topic with the following participants: CHUCK LUCE (a book on San Diego); LARRY BABER (\$10 Note from Arkansas City, KS); JOHN STADNYK (Old spectacles); KAY LENKER (an album of flowers done in Japan); GINNY BOURKE (a box of marbles); VERNON REED (1999 \$1 bills with plate block 1-8) and DOROTHY BABER (Coke Remedies).

WHO WANTS TO BE A TEN MILLIONAIRE?

KEVIN AKIN presented a numismatic program before the SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB in June. Participants were given hard questions regarding foreign money and could use lifelines. The winner was TONY MICCICHE, his prize a ten million Dinara Note (worth almost nothing). In July, ANGUS BRUCE spoke on "Bank Note Stories" using slides. August was "Other Hobby Night".

CC-EZRA MEEKER?

The July meeting of the TUSTIN COIN CLUB had BILL CREEGAN speak on "Circulated Carson City Silver Dollars". In August, members viewed the video "Ezra Meeker and the Oregon Trail". This was the story of the Oregon Trail Commemorative Half Dollar.

50th BASH!

The 50th Anniversary celebration of the LONG BEACH COIN CLUB was a tremendous success. President GWEN HEISTAND thanked everyone for their generous participation and help in making the June 10th Banquet a time to remember. A 25 page history of the Club was produced and given to those in attendance. The June meeting heard ten members share their favorite numismatic item(s). They were: CONRAD HARRIS (William Cohen Secretary of Defense Medal); WILFORD GAMBLE (Coin Club Member Photos taken at Middle School); RON AWERKAMP (1787 Connecticut Coin); KEN ARNOLD (US 1st Bi-Metallic coin); GWEN HEISTAND (1987 China Mint 5 ounce Panda

Coin); JOE DALY (Memorial Day); BOB SMYTHE (Indian Head Buttons); RICHARD PRECKER (PNG Penny Board) and WARREN HEISTAND (Isle of Man Crown with Neil Armstrong). In July, BOB SMYTHE spoke on "Modern Coinage of Ireland". In August, PETER CABRAL, of the North American Trading Company, showed a video on "The Sunken Treasures of the SS Central America."

DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. . . .

June's meeting of the LITTON COIN CLUB was to have included a video on "B Max Mehl—Numismatic Icon", but due to technical difficulties, the show did not go on. In July the club held "Show & Tell" and in August, PHIL IVERSEN conducted a Coin Grading Clinic.

YOUNG NEW LEADER

The ANA Slide Program, "Coins of the Pagan Roman Empire" was the June program of the ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY/ISRAEL COIN CLUB OF LA. Executive Director MARY YAHALOM thanked the club for their support during her term. COINO was the program for July. In his first message to the membership, Executive Director SAGI SALOMON took the reins, ".....Your new young leader that would like to see our club continue far into the next century....", and vowed to do everything in his power to spark the interest in our hobby. WAY TO GO, SAGI!. In August there was a program on "Roman Republican Coinage".

JEWELRY

June was "Other Hobby Night" for the HEMET NUMISMATISTS. Participants were: BILL GRANT (Scenic Patches); FREDDIE GRANT (Ferrari Car Collection—not full size editions); BOBBIE MILLER (Spoons from around the world); BILL MINK (Ceramic Teddy Bear Clocks that he made); RICHARD COBARR (1st Day Covers); ANGUS BRUCE (Russian Military Medals); DON DOSKOIL (Items found with a medal detector); DORIS PETERSON (Golf balls found while golfing and not hers); TRUDY MITCHELL (Laker Championship souvenirs); TEX RITTER (Phono records); RICHARD COBARR (Pencil sketches); and LUCILLE COBARR (Homemade stuffed animals). In July the club celebrated its 27th birthday with a catered luncheon. In August, TRUDY MITCHELL presented a program dedicated to "Coin Jewelry" and many members shared their pieces as part of the exhibits.

BUST HALVES

The July meeting of the CULVER CITY COIN CLUB heard JOHN SHERMAN speak on "Bust Half Dollars". John focused on the period 1806-1823. His collection is missing just three pieces' 1810, 1817 and 1815/12.

LET'S GET STEAMED!

DOROTHY BABER spoke at the June meeting of the HEARTLAND COIN CLUB about the "First Steam Press Coinage in 1836". Dorothy had an opportunity to strike a coin on this steam press earlier in the year as a special guest of the Mint. But on that special day, the Press did not work! However, later medals were later struck on this steam press and Dorothy had a few to show. The Club's 43rd Coin-o-Rama was a success with attendance up over last year. August saw ISRAEL MERICA-JONE talk on the 1963 Dinar of Poland. She also spoke about Poland's history.

NEW MEETING PLACE

ALEX SHAGIN spoke on the "Highs & Lows of Aesthetics" in creating medals/coins at the June meeting of the GLENDALE COIN CLUB. He spoke on the problems that governments create when they meddle in the creation of coin designs. In July, WALTER OSTROMECKI "did double duty". He spoke on "President Nixon's Numismatic Legacy" and installed the new club officers. They are: BOB VICK (President); TOM REDMOND (1st Vice-President); JOYCE ALLEN (Treasurer); MARY PURNELL (Asst, Secretary); DENISE BALLARD (Secretary); and GREG BURNS (Editor). The positions of 2nd Vice-President and Assistant Treasurer are open. Board Members are BEA YOUNG, HARRY REDER, VIESTURS ZAGARS, BOB VICK, TOM REDMOND, JERRY YAHALOM and GREG BURNS. The August meeting was held at a new location: Cal Fed Bank, 2350 Honolulu Avenue in Glendale. The program was a White Elephant Sale.

"IVE'E BEEN WORKING ON THE RAIL ROAD....."

"Numismatic Memorabilia of the First Transcontinental Railroad" was the program given by JEFF HEATH before the June meeting of the GREATER ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB. Jeff reviewed the hardships of trying to build two railroads and then connecting them in the middle. July was the Club's annual "Bourse Night" where everybody became a dealer.

DON'T HOG THE PROGRAM

KAY LENKER spoke on "Leopold 'The Hog' Mouth" at the June meeting of the COVINA COIN CLUB. Included in her talk was an exhibit of King Leopold coins and medals. July saw GARY BEEDON speak on the "1876 Centennial Celebrations". Gary gave an overview of the celebration and displayed photos and exnumia from the Exposition. ALEX SHAGIN spoke in August on "New Designs for the New Millennium". Alex is a renowned engraver who previously worked for the Russian Mint.

GET WELL WISHES!

COVINA COIN CLUB Charter Member BILL STONE recently underwent a 6-way by-pass heart surgery. He's on the road to recovery.

DEPARTED MEMBERS

The following are Southern California club members/supporters who have left us. Our thoughts are with the families of:

JEAN FLETCHER	Whittier Coin Club
ED GAGNON	Long time member of Verdugo Hills
ROBERT POBE	Member of the Santa Ana Coin Club
NORM CURLETT	Long time active member of the San Bernardino and Fontana Coin Clubs
EDWARD CHIASSEN	San Bernardino County Coin Club
MICHAEL GOVORCHIN	Glendale Coin Club
BARBARA KIRK	Member and long time Treasurer of the Glendale Coin Club
FRANK KISH	Long time member and activist of Numerous LA coin clubs

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IT IS WITH REGRET THAT I ANNOUNCE THE RESIGNATION OF HAROLD KATZMAN AS ASSISTANT EDITOR OF CALCOIN NEWS.

HAROLD INFORMED ME IN A LETTER DATED AUGUST 19, 2000, THAT "AFTER SOME 6 PLUS YEARS AS THE CLUB EDITOR, I HAVE DECIDED IT IS TIME FOR ME TO BOW OUT. IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE, BUT IT IS TIME FOR ME TO MOVE ON AND LET SOMEONE ELSE TAKE OVER."

IT IS HAROLD'S INTENTION TO WRITE THE NEXT COLUMN (FOR THE WINTER 2001 ISSUE). WE WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE A REPLACEMENT IN THAT ISSUE AND PUBLISH THE NEW ASSISTANT EDITOR'S ADDRESS. IF YOU LIVE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND ARE INTERESTED IN WRITING THE COLUMN *SOUTH OF THE TEHACHAPIS*, PLEASE CONTACT EDITOR, THERESA LUND.

THE SECRETARY' S REPORT

Virginia Bourke.

Acting, CSNA Corresponding Secretary

May 16, 2000 Through August 10, 2000

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R5911	LANG, Joseph E 2461 San Diego Ave, Ste 203, San Diego, CA, 92110-2878	Kay Lenker
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DECEASED:

LM-137 LISS, Irene R-4724 CREED, Tom R-5730 THURSTON, Roger

RESIGNED:

R-2544	DALE, Earl J	A-4839	DALE, Audrey E
A-5731	THURSTON, Jean	A-5793	PRENTISS, Rocky

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R-5645 NORDIN, Phillip D

DROPPED FOR NON PAYMENT OF DUES: 28 Individuals

SUMMARY:

Membership on May 15, 2000	598
New Members	4
Deceased	3
Resigned	4
Dropped	29
Membership as of August 10, 2000	566
Total Life Members	128
Total Clubs	47

CSNA TIME CAPSULE:

FIFTY YEARS AGO—October, 1950:

Clubs whose activities were reported was the Junior Coin Collectors of San Francisco, the East Bay Junior Coin Collectors and the Peninsula Junior Coin Club. Collectors and dealers were invited to give the names of young coin collectors in the San Francisco Bay area to Roy Hill, Counselor. The issue also said “You can help boost Junior Coin Club activities by helping to sign up new young collectors and also by giving numismatic talks on coins at their meetings. They like to hear about coins and any adult certainly would do a good turn for the future numismatic ranks in his organization by doing a bit of service for the young collectors today.”

FORTY YEARS AGO—FALL,1960 :

The Curator-Historian, Erich Werling, requested that members send him favors of past conventions, pictures taken by individual, ribbons, programs and newspaper and magazine clippings with reference to CSNA Conventions. These latter should include name of the publication and its date of issue. Even letters concerned with arrangements for conventions would be appreciated. CSNA bulletins and Calcoins of all dates will be appreciated.

THIRTY YEARS AGO—FALL, 1970:

A page devoted to “Reports From Our Out-Of-State Members and Friends” included information from Pennsylvania; Detroit, Michigan; Houston, Texas; New Mexico; Illinois and Boston, Mass.

TWENTY YEARS AGO—FALL,1980:

Secretary Charles G Colver’s Report filled 3 and a half pages. Ninety (90) new members were acknowledged for the period May 6 to August 5, 1980. CSNA membership stood at 1,631.

TEN YEARS AGO—FALL, 1990 :

Bill Grant was writing the South of the Tehachapis column and Al Lo was doing the honors for the North. The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of their founding by printing 300 souvenir cards reproducing the face of a “San Francisco Day” Admission ticket to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition (Tuesday ,November 2, 1915).

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WISE MAN SAY: “WHEN IN DOUBT, MUMBLE”

EDITORS NOTEPAGE by TML



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OOPS! Apologies to Tim Todd, whose article on “Irish Gunmoney” appeared in the last issue. The picture he provided, appearing on page 27, was placed sideways in error. If you had trouble with the key on page 44, now you know why! No! it wasn’t a test or a puzzle.....just one of those Editor’s Gremlins that happen from time to time! I hope it wasn’t too confusing.

Recent correspondence received across the Editor’s desk included the following comment “I really like esoteric items and things on the fringes of the hobby as well as ‘regular’ coin collecting. I’d welcome more coverage in these areas if possible, maybe even a semi-regular column”. Are there others out there of like-minds? Are you willing to submit articles of this nature to provide for a semi-regular column ? Send your thoughts and submit those articles!

What about ‘regular’ coin collecting? Articles are always needed that will help further the hobby and catch the interest of the membership. Right now CALCOIN NEWS could really use some articles on United States Coins. Put your thinking caps on and take pen in hand. The article needn’t be long just be creative and don’t forget to send an illustration or two!

With this issue another year of CALCOIN News has become history. It’s been an eventful year for CSNA, numismatics in general, the hobby and certainly for this writer. As we bring Volume 54 to a close, I’d like to thank the advertisers, authors, officers and members who contribute regularly to each issue. Special thanks to Tom Fitzgerald, author of the Through the Numismatic Glass article each quarter; and to Stan Turrini & Harold Katzman, Assistant Editors who keep us all informed about Member Club activities. We’re now ready to launch Volume Number 55!!

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-KEY DATES-

CSNA SHOWS & EVENTS

FIRST EDUCATIONAL SYPOSIUM IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**10:00AM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, 2000
Alumni House, University of California, Berkeley**

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society is pleased to host the first California State Numismatic Association's Educational Symposium to be held in Northern California. For this inaugural event, four nationally noted numismatists will speak on their area of expertise. The speakers are:

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Political Scoundrels & Civil War"

WENDELL WOLKA "Dysfunctional Commerce-1850's Style

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BOB CAMPBELL "Morman Gold"

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A box lunch is available for \$10.00. Lunch fee must be paid by October 27.

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To Register or receive information email pens@mypad.com or write
PCNS, P O Box 194271, San Francisco, CA 94119-4271

Registration for the symposium accepted at the door, space permitting.

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FEBRUARY 16-17, 2001 DOUBLETREE HOTEL
Hosted by THE FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

CSNA 33rd ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
MARCH 17, 2001 FOUR POINTS HOTEL FULLERTON, CA

MEMBER CLUB SHOWS

OCTOBER 21-22, 2000 (Saturday & Sunday) **STOCKTON**
DELTA COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN SHOW
Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street
Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P O Box 5787, Stockton, CA 95205
PH (209) 982-5961 e mail: ruben111@go.com

OCTOBER 28 & 29, 2000 (Saturday & Sunday) **FRESNO**
FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY 34th ANNUAL COIN SHOW
Las Palmas Masonic Temple, 2992 E Clinton Avenue
Bourse: Ruth Phillips, 227 N Duke Ave, Fresno, CA 93727

NOVEMBER 4-5, 2000 (Saturday & Sunday) **SCRAMENTO**
SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB 43rd ANNUAL COIN-A-RAMA
Sacramento Convention Center, 14th & J Streets, Exhibit Hall E
Parking 13th & J Streets Sat 10:00AM to 6:00PM Sun 10:00AM to 4:00PM
Free Admission Youth Activities Hourly Door Prizes

NOVEMBER 12, 2000 (Sunday).....**PALO ALTO**
PENINSULA COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN AND COLLECTIBLES SHOW
Elks Lodge #1471, 4290 EL CAMINO REAL
Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P O Box 60484, Palo Alto, CA 94306

NOVEMBER 26, 2000 (Sunday) **CONCORD**
DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY 4th CONTRA COSTA SHOW
Concord Veterans Memorial Bldg, 2290 Willow Pass Rd, at Colfax
9:00AM to 4:00PM Info Mike Stanley @ 925-825-0649

JANUARY 19-21, 2001 (Saturday & Sunday) **SAN JOSE**
SAN JOSE COIN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW Admission \$1
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Bourse: Ray Johnson, P O Box 10416, San Jose, CA 95157

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